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A. G. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 17, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style of HERBERT DENT & Co.

HERBERT F. DENT.

Canton, September 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

M. F. D. BUSH is hereby authorized to sign our Firms per Procuration.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, September 22, 1881.

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MEYER & Co.

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50 barrels Prime American MEAT PORK.
50 " Philadelphia Extra BEEF.

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150 cases SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.
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Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

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Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

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CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,

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Hongkong, September 14, 1881.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG RACES - 1882.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the

SUBSCRIBERS to the RACE FUND

will be held on THURSDAY, 6th October,

1882, at 5 o'clock, at the HONGKONG CLUB.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

section of the town, nor to one class of houses, but were equally scattered among houses situated on the highest points as among houses built on sites little above the plain, and in all parts of the Settlement. Coryza and bronchial affections ranked next in frequency; rheumatism and neuralgia were frequent during the next months of spring and summer; cases of diarrhoea and dysentery were more frequent than usual. With regard to the last-named class of cases Dr. Reid writes:

Foul vapours inhaled from paddy fields, drains, etc., may have acted as predisposing causes; but exposure of the body, especially of the abdomen, during sleep, while perspiring, seemed the principal cause. Among 160 residents under supervision, there were nine cases of dysentery; all proved most amenable to the ordinary treatment by ipecacuanha. Summer diarrhoea among children, without doubt caused, as in adults, by chills either by night or by day, was found most tractable treatment, and presented no abnormal features.

Fever was the bane of the life of the medical man at Foochow. Of continued fevers there were three cases of typhoid or enteric fever, two cases of modified small-pox, and four cases of a continued fever of the remittent type over which quinine had no influence whatever. In the small-pox cases, which were mild, the infection was traceable to an aman who had visited her relatives while they were suffering from the disease. Dr. Remond remarks that with small-pox annually in the neighbourhood it seems difficult to avoid infection; all, as a precautionary measure, ought to be well protected by vaccination and revaccination, and it might, he writes, be as well, especially in families, to refuse leave to servants from January to May, when small-pox, measles and parotitis are so common among natives. Three cases of typhoid fever occurred in October, one in an adult, two in children; and some of the facts mentioned by Dr. Remond in discussing the sources of contagion are well worth noting, as the same dangerous circumstances exist, as fully pregnant with danger to health and life, in other parts of China. The only traceable source of contagion in the case of the adult was the well from which the water supply of his house was obtained. We quote the Doctor's description of his patient's house, which many foreign residents in China may easily take for a picture of their own dwelling, without altering a word of the text:

"The well, distant from the house about a quarter of a mile, is on a lower level than many of the Chinese vegetable gardens surrounding it. The night soil tanks from which the gardens are supplied with manure are only distant a few yards from the well, and infiltration from the gardens or their tanks into the well must constantly occur. The house stands by itself, high on the hill, and is supplied with earth-closets, whose contents, along with other refuse, are carried off twice a day. There are no drains or channels of any kind to carry off slops."

We are told that there is a standing order in this house as to boiling the water previous to filtering; but, it is added, unless under personal supervision, the orders are habitually disobeyed. The significant note is added to this case:—"Just a year before, in the same house, a typical case of typhoid fever occurred," and with that remark the doctor leaves the case. In the other case of typhus fever, the two children were brothers living together; the source to which the disease is traced is again the most interesting point. "The contagion seems to have originated from the emanations of over 30 excreta tanks, occupying a piece of waste ground a few yards from the house gate, where the children spent a great part of their time in watching passers-by. The tanks, with mouth-level with the ground, about 10 feet deep and from 3 to 8 feet in diameter, were used for storing night-soil until it was required in the adjacent rice fields. The tanks were never covered, and at times emitted appalling stenches. It seems probable that the children inhaled the contagion from these tanks, into which the defecations of some native suffering from enteric fever might have, along with other excreta, been cast."

Dr. Remond has not had a case of typhoid fever under his notice; but, as a rule, fever cases of any kind seldom come to the hospital for treatment, although frequently patients suffering from debility and having the listless, exhausted appearance of those convalescing from enteric fever, and having a previous history of two months' fever, with diarrhoea, visit the hospital.

The only epidemic present among Chinese during the year was paroxysmal small-pox, measles and malarious fever, which, in a more severe form than usual, was epidemic in September, October and November, when the rainfall was slight, and when the rice fields were drying up. Eighteen months ago, through the liberality of the foreign community, assisted by Chinese, a native hospital for the treatment of in and outpatients was opened. 388 males and 31 females were treated in the wards, and 1,848 males and 201 females received relief as out-door patients. Several operations were performed, of which particulars are given. With a view to determine the frequency of occurrence of Marie's angina, 1,000 patients were thus examined, and 25 cases were found in the blood of 25 whose diseases are classified in the report. Of these 25 patients, 14 were from Hongkong, 6 from Foochow, (towns near the coast of Macao and Amoy) and 5 from

Macao.

We shall continue, on another day, our summary of these interesting and valuable reports.

LOCAL AND GENERAL:

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected to arrive here to-morrow (Wednesday), by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Kinna*, which brings London date to the 26th ultimo.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on or about the 5th proximate, by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, which brings San Francisco date to the 6th inst.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by a mail closing at Singapore at 9 a.m. on the 26th instant.

A PARADE and Inspection of the Volunteer and Government Fire Brigades will take place at the Central Fire Brigade Station at 4.30 p.m. on the 29th instant.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the annual meeting of Subscribers to the Hongkong Race Fund is to be held in the Hongkong Club on October 6th at 5 p.m.

The American ship *Twilight* reports:—Firo went the entire passage. Crossed the Equator Aug. 28th in long. 157° E.; passed Bashee Sept. 22nd; same day struck British ship *Bolton Abbey*, totally dismasted in a typhoon on the 23rd of August, in lat. 17° 35' N., long. 127° 56' E., and supplied him with a boat and other necessities.

We have received from the author, Mr. G. Alford, a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Best Motive Power for Street Tramways in the East." Considering the amount of literature which has been devoted to the subject of Tramways for the East, it may fairly be hoped that perfection will be attained before all the arrangements are completed for the construction of the Hongkong lines.

British Consulate, Manila, 21st, Sept. 1881.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose translation of a circular embodying the Quarantine Regulations at present in force at the port which has been addressed to this Consulate.

TRACT OF COUNTRY, AND OVER SUCH AN ENORMOUS POPULATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IN THE PORTS OF BRITISH INDIA THE EXTENT OF JAILS IS UNKNOWN.

WE WERE ADVISED BY ONE INDIAN FRIEND THAT THE MATER WAS SIMPLY ENOUGH, IN THAT IMPRISONMENT WAS RARELY AWARDED, AND THAT IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES THE PUNISHMENT WAS FISHING AND FLOGGING. IT WAS SOME SUCH SYSTEM AS THIS WHICH PROVIDED IN CEYLON DURING THE DUTCH PERIOD, AND IT IS WELL KNOWN, FACT THAT IN THAT PERIOD OF THE HISTORY OF CEYLON THERE WAS VERY LITTLE NEED FOR JAILS.

THIS IS CONTRARY TO THE MODERN IDEAS OF THE HUMANITARIAN, ONE OF THE CHIEF APOSTLES OF WHICH IS THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, AND THEREFORE WE SUPPORT IT WOULD BE USELESS TO ADVOCATE ANYTHING LIKE A GENERAL ADOPTION OF THE DUTCH AND INDIAN SYSTEMS. BUT SURELY WE MIGHT MAKE SOME APPROACH TO IT WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS: SURELY WE OUGHT TO SIMPLIFY THE LAW OF EVIDENCE, AND WE MIGHT REARRANGE THE CRIMINAL CODES AS TO MAKE IT REACH A CLASS OF OFFENDERS WHO IN THE PRESENT STATE OF THINGS SIMPLY LAUGH US TO SCRIM.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS AT MANILA.

Quarantine regulations have been issued by the Governor General of the Philippines in consequence of the outbreak of cholera at Aden and in some of the southern ports of Japan. The Spanish Consul of Hongkong, Mr. A. Mancarini, writing on the 15th September to the Colonial Secretary, (Capt. Deane) asks if any sanitary precautions had been taken in this port, in view of the outbreak. He points out that vessels will be considered clean where proper precautions are taken, otherwise, they will be subjected to quarantine. The Colonial Secretary in his reply says that the attention of the Health Officer has been called to the matter and that official reports that he has had no special information regarding the matter, but that the vigilance of the Department is never relaxed. We append the regulations:—

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I have &c., G. A. R. HONEY, Acting Consul.

To the Colonial Secretary Hongkong.

H. E. Goyernor General, under yesterday's date, and in conformity with the report issued by the Superior Sanitary Committee in view of the outbreak of cholera in Aden and in Kagoshima, a province in the south of Japan, as advised by telegram and by official communications received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and from the Legation of Spain in the latter quarter, has given his instructions to the following:

Swing, by the one trapeze, from the Governor's box, to the other end of the theatre, where, right over the foot-lights the other trapeze hung, the younger brother missed the hands of the elder, which it is his feet to catch, and fell heavily on the stage. The accident was not, however, so severe as it might have been, the younger escaping with a sprained wrist and a good shaking.

Mr. Lister, the Postmaster-General of Hongkong, appears to have adopted a suggestion we made some short time since, and sent, via Yokohama, the mails for the French packet. The result is that the mail was delivered here yesterday, when under the former system it would not have arrived before Friday next. We trust the mail will always come to hand as satisfactorily as on the present occasion; but, however that may be, we now feel confident the fault will not rest with Mr. Lister, who has shown every ready acquiescence in altering his practice in order to meet the convenience of this little community.—*Hongkong News.*

AMONG other proposals made by Mr. Alfred Ping Yu-ling during his late visit of inspection, was one to the effect that the Kiangnan Arsenal should be entrenched and an artillery depot established there. This suggestion we now learn is to be adopted, and stores are already being taken to surround the Arsenal with a mud wall with some three or four openings, or gates. Within the area thus enclosed will be stationed five hundred soldiers, picked men, whose duty it will be to receive instruction in gunnery with a view to detailed service as instructors in the various camps elsewhere.—*News.*

The following is from the N.-C. Daily News:—

Many of our readers will remember Colonel Crossman, R.E., who from 1868 to 1869 was in charge of R.B.M.'s Office of Works at this port. The gallant Colonel now fills the post of Inspector of Submarines Defences at the War Office, London, and is at present employed, accompanied by Lieut. Russell, R.E., on an inspection, in order to report on the means of torpedo defence of our Colonial possessions. Canada and British Columbia have already been visited by Colonel Crossman. During the latter part of last month he arrived at Yokohama, via San Francisco en route to Hongkong, where he is now. From thence he will proceed to Singapore, Penang, Ceylon, Fiji, and Australia, probably arriving at home in October next.

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FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE HARBOUR.

INQUIRY.

The inquest opened yesterday afternoon, before the Coroner, H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., and a jury consisting of Messrs E. Lovy, T. R. Fisher and J. A. Gutierrez, on the bodies of one man and two women drowned through the capsizing of a passage boat in the harbour, and adjourned till this afternoon, when was resumed.

H. Vanstone, quarter-master of the *Victor Emmanuel*, was the first witness called. He said he remembered the 25th instant; about 12.55 p.m. he was on duty as quarter-master on the upper deck. He noticed from the starboard side a junk passing not very far from the *Victor Emmanuel* with all sail set, he saw that there were a number of people on board. The junk was sailing in the direction of the China Sugar Refinery Pier. The wind was from the north north east; while he was looking at the junk he saw her luff up to the wind and at that moment a puff of wind seemed to catch her on the quarter, and the effect of this was to make her heel over to such an extent as to make her sail touch the water. She did not right herself, and he therefore called for three boats to be manned, and at once ordered them off to the junk as quick as he could go to the life boat, which he himself manned. By the time he had got the boat returned to the *Victor Emmanuel*, bringing one dead body, he noticed that the upper deck of the junk appeared to have a good deal of cargo on it. There were several boats near when the junk was turned, but they made no attempt to go to the rescue, until the *Victor Emmanuel*'s boats had reached the ship. He said the constable came and brought him out and saved him. He said he was very badly burned, and he complained of great pain.

The Jury returned a verdict of, "Accidental death by drowning."

Another enquiry was then opened on the body of a Chinese female, whose death had resulted from the same capsizing of a junk as is referred to in the above case.

Dr. Marques said the body of the deceased was brought to the hospital at 7 a.m. this morning. It was that of a Chinese female, about 30 years of age. The face was much injured by fish. The stomach was inflated. In the absence of evidence to the contrary he was of opinion that death was caused by drowning.

Chang Afuk, a stonemason, residing at Kowloon, had seen the body, he said, and identified it as that of Mr. Akin, 21 years of age, wife of his brother, Chan Tai Yum, who was a stonemason, residing in the same house with him, but at present absent in Tai Shui. Deceased was in the habit of going over to Hongkong every morning to the rice and water, and of returning in the evening. She left as usual on Sunday, the 25th, by the passage boat to Kwee Wan. Deceased had no children.

Lo Aon, captain of the junk sunk to the mud bank on the 25th, off the Lightship, had seen the body of deceased and identified it as that of one of the women missing; she had frequently crossed over in the junk. He had no other mis-

ing except those now found.

Verdict, in the other inquest, "Accidental death by drowning."

CRUEL DEATH BY BURNING.

INQUIRY.

An inquest was held this afternoon, on the body of Ping Atsat, a Chinese male, 63 years of age, who was burned to death yesterday at Yau-mah-ti, the house in which he lived, being destroyed by fire, and he was severely burned all over; he did not make much noise. Tried to touch slightly as possible the burn parts; but he was handled very much. Believed the woman's theory as to the cause of the fire to be correct. Deceased told him while in the station how the accident occurred. Did not think the boats round about had been of any assistance whatever. The shed was completely destroyed, nothing was saved from it.

The Jury returned a verdict of, "Accidental death by burning."

Police Intelligence.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

Tuesday, September 27.

W. K. HUGHES & H. CHU (\$1,000.)

This was an action brought by the plaintiff to recover damages from defendant owing to his having failed to fulfil a contract entered into by him to construct a tennis lawn.

